

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1452 - SB 1709**

February 3, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes regular part-time employees of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and the University of Tennessee (UT) systems to enroll in one course per term at any state supported college, university, or college of applied technology without charge for tuition or maintenance fees. Enrolling employees shall be responsible for fees, other than maintenance fees. Enrollment of such employees may be limited or denied based on availability of space.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$50,900/FY14-15**

**Exceeds \$50,900/FY15-16 and Subsequent Fiscal Years**

Assumptions:

- Lost revenue for state higher education institutions will be replaced with state appropriations rather than an increase in tuition or other fees.
- Employees at each system will attend a class at their place of employment.
- TBR estimates that 22 part-time employees will receive a tuition waiver at a four-year university and receive a \$747 waiver each semester.
- The increase in state expenditures for TBR universities is estimated to be \$32,868 (22 x \$747 x 2 semesters).
- TBR estimates that seven part-time employees will receive a tuition waiver at a two-year institution and receive a \$417 waiver each semester.
- The increase in state expenditures for TBR community colleges is estimated to be \$5,838 (7 x \$417 x 2 semesters).
- TBR estimates that one part-time employee will receive a tuition waiver at a Tennessee College of Applied Technology and receive a \$245 waiver each semester; an increase in state expenditures for this population of \$490 (\$245 x 2 semesters).
- The increase in state expenditures for TBR institutions is estimated to be \$39,196 (\$32,868 + \$5,838 + \$490)
- UT estimates that an additional six part-time employees will receive a tuition waiver and receive a \$978 waiver each semester; an increase in state expenditures of \$11,736 (6 x \$978 x 2).
- In FY14-15, the total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$50,932 (\$39,196 + \$11,736).

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- The increase in state expenditures in FY15-16 and subsequent fiscal years is estimated to exceed \$50,932 as tuition increases.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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